## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.09XX, Closed Area No. 62, St. Croix River - Passamaquoddy Bay, promulgated on January 11, 1993, is repealed and replaced with the following rule:

<u>TEXT OF RULE:</u> <u>DMR Regulation 95.09XX, Closed Area No. 62, St. Croix River - Passamaquoddy Bay, Robbinston, Perry and Calais.</u>

- 1. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats, waters and tributaries of the St. Croix River and Passamaquoddy Bay (on the U.S. side) from the sources of the St. Croix River to a line drawn from the eastern tip of Gleason Point, Perry to the most southern point of land on Calders Head on Deer Island, New Brunswick.
  - A. EXCEPTION: The harvest of Ocean (mahogany) Quahogs, (<u>Artica islandica</u>) shall be permitted in that section of the St. Croix River north of a line drawn from the eastern tip of Gleason Point, Perry to the most southern point of land on Calders Head, Deer Island, New Brunswick and south of a line running true east from Liberty Point, Robbinston.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 1996

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## STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.09 XX, Closed Area No. 62, St. Croix River - Passamaquoddy Bay, promulgated on January 11, 1993 and replaces it with a new regulation (with the same name and number). This new ruling allows the harvest Ocean (mahogany) Quahogs, (Artica islandica) in that section of the St. Croix River north of a line drawn from the eastern tip of Gleason Point, Perry to the most southern point of land on Calders Head, Deer Island, New Brunswick and south of a line running true east from Liberty Point, Robbinston. Ocean Quahogs in this area are in sufficiently deep water to allow safe harvest.

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AS AUTHORIZED BY 12 MRSA SECTION 6023

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